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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LAO-ISRAELI RELATIONS

REF: A) VIENTIANE 5373 (NOTAL)

B) VIENTIANE 5143 (NOTAL)

1. YOAV BAR ON, ISRAELI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TOLD US AUGUST 29 THAT AMBASSADOR AVIMOR, WHO WENT TO BANGKOK IN MID-AUGUST, HAD RETURNED TO ISRAEL FOR CONSULTATIONS AND THAT GOI HAD ASKED LAO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION TO GRANT AGREEMENT TO NEW ISRAELI AMBASSADOR WHO WOULD BE RESIDENT IN BANGKOK. IN THE MEANTIME, BAR ON WOULD BE CHARGE, BUT RESIDENT IN BANGKOK EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2. HE SAID HE PREFERRED NOT TO BE IN VIENTIANE WHEN BREAK OCCURRED.

2. HE ASKED FOR EMBOFF'S VIEWS REGARDING PGNU'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT PGNU APPEARED
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TO BE IN PROCESS OF BRINGING ITS FOREIGN POLICY INTO

LINE WITH THAT NORMALLY EXPECTED OF A MILITANT THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. UNFORTUNATELY, ONE ASPECT OF SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL POSTURE INCLUDED NOT HAVING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. QUESTION WAS OBVIOUSLY MARGINAL TO THE LAO, BUT WHEN THEY GOT AROUND TO IT, THEY WOULD PROBABLY BREAK RELATIONS. GOI'S REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT WOULD NECESSARILY CAUSE PGNU TO FOCUS ON THE SUBJECT AND THUS MIGHT OCCASION THE BREAK.

3. BAR ON SAID THAT GOI WAS ALSO CONSIDERING FUTURE OF ITS AID PROGRAM IN LAOS (CONSISTING OF TWO EXPERTS). EMBOFF SUGGESTED ISRAELIS SHOULD TAKE THEIR TIME IN THEIR RECONSIDERATION. PGNU'S REPLY ON AGREEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE BEST INDICATOR OF ITS DESIRE ON RELATIONS. REQUEST WAS MADE TWO WEEKS AGO. HOWEVER, GIVEN SPEED OF LAO BUREAUCRACY, GOI SHOULD NOT EXPECT REPLY, ASSUMING MATTER HANDLED NORMALLY, UNTIL END OF SEPTEMBER.

4. AS INDICATED ABOVE, BAR ON SHARED EMBOFF'S VIEW THAT PGNU WOULD PROBABLY BREAK RELATIONS.
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